



Neighborhood Association Monthly Report



February 2021

City of South Bend



CITY OF SOUTH BEND
COMMUNITY INVESTMENT

Engagement and Economic Empowerment Team

Neighborhood Overview

"Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?' The time is always right to do what is right."

- Martin Luther King Jr.



10 Neighborhoods held meetings in February!

	NEEDS	ACTIVITIES
Rum Village	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interested in the Digital Resource Grant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trying to revamp their social media presence Distributing Acts of Kindness money Excited about neighborhood plans
Near Westside	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need more info on the neighborhood plans from the city, how can they participate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Talked about the Neighborhood Council Raised \$2.4k for Acts of Kindness; working on getting it to the ones who need it most Planning elections for March 2021
SOAR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wondering about Best Week Ever 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have an EnFocus fellow helping with website Begun home repair process with "Rebuilding Together"
East Bank Business Association		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Held a meeting on February 10th Held elections
Miami Village	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need someone to shovel firehouse 9 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> clean up in the spring
Monroe Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would like the City to formally consider their revitalization plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning fundraising "buyback" night with Barnaby's in early April All executive officers will be serving another year (President, Mike Coman)
NNN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would like support for COVID outreach, especially for elderly residents 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working on revamping outreach efforts
Lincoln Bendix Neighborhood Association	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have some worries about the Motels4Now program 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Talked about ways to combat the apathy in the neighborhood
Far NorthWest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the process of receiving/implementing Digital Neighborhood Grant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working group continues to make progress on development project Now have an association phone number: (574) 217-4732 Discussing restarting membership meetings
Northeast Neighborhood Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applying for Acts of Kindness grant to help cover cost of new fridge and insulation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Talking about renovations of firehouse and NNRO plans for 2021-onwards Updating their fridge for food pantry https://www.wndu.com/2021/01/07/south-bend-food-pantry-doing-more-with-less/
River Park Neighborhood Association	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applied for Acts of Kindness Grant Applied for technical assistance grant from NRC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Distributed holiday prizes for Holiday Houses

More Resources

For You and Your Neighborhood



Neighborhoods Council

The Neighborhoods Council is gearing up to have the first official meeting soon. The current plan is to have 4 meetings a year, held quarterly. The next step for neighborhood organizations is to choose one representative and an alternate for the meetings. Please watch for more updates about the first meeting.



Contact eee@southbendin.gov for more information.



Revolving Loan Fund

The City of South Bend has started a process to get loans out to small local businesses which have been negatively impacted by Covid-19. The program is being administered by the Department of Community Investment. The link for the pre-screening is below. Please send any questions to RLFrecovery@southbendin.gov.

www.southbendin.gov/RLFrecovery

Digital Neighborhood

Digital Communication Grants



Because of COVID-19 social distancing policies, neighborhood associations are finding it difficult to engage with residents. To help them connect, the City of South Bend's Love Your Block program is offering N.A.s a **free annual subscription to an online video conferencing service** for 12 months. N.A.s can receive **free technical assistance** from COSB to set up this software. N.A.s can also apply to receive a **free phone/tablet stand** to record and livestream in-person meetings once social distancing rules expire.

To apply, visit

<https://loveyourblocksb.wixsite.com/lybsb/digital-neighborhood-grants>

Contact The Chief of Police

The South Bend Police Department has offered to send an officer to Neighborhood Association meetings, per request. If interested, or if you have questions or concerns, please contact:

Chief of Police, Scott Ruskowski, at
sruszkow@southbendin.gov

OR

Patrol Division Chief, Eric Crittendon,
at ecritten@southbendin.gov

Indiana Rental/Utility Assistance

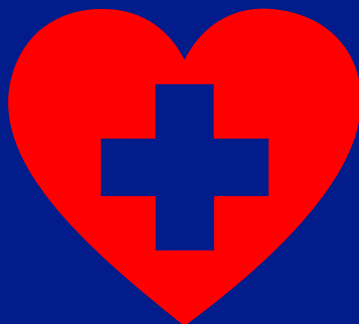


The Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCDA) has closed its application portal. All applications are under review. If you still need assistance, the City has information about rent and utility assistance at <https://southbendin.gov/covid-19-resources-support/covid-19-utility-support>. At that site are all the local assistance programs and contact information. If there are any questions, please email eee@southbendin.gov for more information.

What's Happening in South Bend?

Where and How to get the Covid Vaccine

The Covid Vaccine is currently available to those over the age of 50. Additionally, First Responders and in-person Health Care Professionals can schedule appointments to get the vaccine.



If you are eligible to receive the vaccine, you can find the link below.

<https://vaccine.coronavirus.in.gov/>

Lead Protection Program Grants

The City has grants for helping make homes with young children safe from lead paint at **no cost** to the homeowner.

Despite COVID-19, **the City is still accepting applications for the grant program**, although repairs won't begin until it is deemed safe to do so. Applicants will have their household's income verified, and won't be enrolled in the program until both the application and any required supporting documentation are submitted.

Interested in applying or hosting a presentation about the program at your neighborhood association meeting?

Contact Elizabeth Maradik at leadgrants@southbendin.gov or (574) 235-5826.

CITY RELEASES RESULTS OF 2020 COMMUNITY SURVEY

The City of South Bend today released the results of the 2020 Community Survey, which asked residents their thoughts on city services and their overall thoughts about South Bend's direction. The survey was conducted in the summer of 2020 by ETC institute, a national firm that has administered surveys in over 700 cities. The Community Survey was administered by mail and could be completed by mail, online, and by phone. Residents could also respond to the survey in Spanish by phone.

Residents can view the survey results and explore a Community Insights Dashboard by visiting southbendin.gov/communitysurvey.

Questions?

To contact a specific Neighborhood Association, or for more information about this report, please email the Engagement and Economic Empowerment Team at eee@southbendin.gov.